

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GEORGE P. SHULTZ

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of a great leader, a true public servant, and a proud resident of San Francisco: George Pratt Shultz.

Secretary Shultz has lived by the mantra he set forth during his decades of service: "You've got to dream a little bit if you're going to get somewhere." Throughout his life, he dreamed more than "a little bit"—and his dreams led him to the height of academia, government, and business.

His dreams led him to the Marine Corps during World War II. They led him to become a celebrated and decorated professor of economics at some of our most prestigious institutions of higher learning. And they certainly drove him to "get somewhere" in the public square: serving as an advisor to Presidents; as a Director of the Office of Management and Budget; as the Secretary of the Treasury, Labor, and State.

In the closing years of the Cold War, as our leading diplomat, Secretary Shultz was a powerful, passionate voice for American values around the world—negotiating when possible to advance the interests of the United States; standing firm when necessary to defend our country; striving for peace among nations and advocating on behalf of our strong moral leadership worldwide.

In recent years, Secretary Shultz brought his experience and wisdom to two critical challenges facing our country and our planet: climate change and nuclear non-proliferation.

He understood that global warming is a threat to our national security, our economy, and our environment. And in California, he joined the campaign to halt efforts to weaken environmental protections—and fought to strengthen our clean energy future.

Forever a statesman, he issued a clarion call to build a world free of nuclear weapons, recognizing that these instruments of war are no longer necessary in this day and age, and represent a threat to global security now and in the future.

Known for his dynamic partnerships over the years, Secretary Shultz has no greater partner than his wife, Charlotte Maillard Shultz. When Charlotte served as Chief of Protocol for the city and county of San Francisco, and for the state of California, Secretary Shultz supported her with his own diplomatic acumen. Today, their partnership, in both the public and private spheres, continues to enhance our city.

Secretary Shultz has always been, and will always remain for Paul and me, a patriot, a dedicated public servant, and a friend. An economist, a business leader, and a statesman: George Shultz followed his dreams. And on his 90th birthday, we honor his service.

SENIORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of the Seniors Protection Act of 2010, I rise to express support for this important bill.

Last week, the House had the opportunity to provide relief for millions of seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals.

For 75 years, and through numerous recessions, Social Security has been a steady source of income. Since 1975, Congress has implemented automatic cost-of-living-adjustments for Social Security to guarantee that Social Security benefits are protected against the effects of inflation.

The cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security is calculated automatically using data on inflation published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is not a deliberate decision by Congress. I support a fairer cost-of-living calculation for Social Security in order to keep pace with the actual increases in the true costs of living for seniors. That is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 2365, the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act of 2009, which would change the calculation of the cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security to reflect consumption patterns which are typical for seniors.

For the first time ever, there will be no automatic cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security for the second consecutive year. Since there was no cost-of-living-adjustment increase for 2010, the formula used to calculate the adjustment required a comparison with 2008 costs, a year when prices were historically high. Even though the average costs of health care, food, and other essentials did increase this year compared to 2009 that was not considered by the formula. Unfortunately, this resulted in no increase in monthly benefits for millions of Americans who depend on Social Security, SSI, VA Pension and Compensation, and Railroad Retirement for the second year in a row while their real costs of living have gone up.

American seniors, disabled workers, and survivors or spouses and children of retired or disabled workers rely on Social Security benefits. For example, 60 percent of American seniors rely on Social Security for a majority of their income and 30 percent of seniors rely on Social Security for more than 90 percent of their income. With Social Security benefits being modest, only \$14,000 for the average retiree, the lack of a cost-of-living-adjustment is troubling.

The Seniors Protection Act of 2010 would provide Social Security beneficiaries with a one-time payment of \$250 to offset the lack of a cost-of-living-adjustment. This bill would provide relief for 54 million seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals. In my state of New Jersey, this bill will provide assistance to over 1.5 million individuals.

Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has provided a guaranteed benefit to hundreds of millions of retired and disabled workers and their families. For seniors, Social Security has provided financial security, independence, and dignity in their retirement years. I believe that Congress has a duty to ensure that their benefits are protected.

Congress had a chance to provide relief to millions of Social Security beneficiaries with a one-time \$250 payment. Unfortunately, Republicans blocked this measure that would have provided much needed relief to our seniors, veterans, and disabled Americans.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 611 on H.R. 5987, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Seniors Protection Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 612 on H. Res. 1717, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, congratulating imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 613 on H. Res. 1540, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and calling on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 614 on H. Res. 1531, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 615 on H. Res. 1752, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Same Day Consideration Rule, Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 616 on H.R. 6495, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and

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